Yuki-geshou Hydrangea

Hydrangea paniculata 'Yuki-geshou'

Height: 8 feet

Spread: 8 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 4

Other Names: Yuki Geshou, Yuki Gessho, Yukigeshu Hydrangea

Description:

A wonderful variety with large dark green leaves that are stippled and splashed with pale yellow and cream; cone-shaped panicles of white flowers in mid summer, blooms well in shade; regular pruning recommended; needs slightly acidic well-drained soil

Ornamental Features

Yuki-geshou Hydrangea features bold conical white flowers at the ends of the branches from mid summer to late fall. The flowers are excellent for cutting. It has attractive buttery yellow-variegated forest green foliage with hints of creamy white which emerges chartreuse in spring. The pointy leaves are highly ornamental but do not develop any appreciable fall color.

Landscape Attributes

Yuki-geshou Hydrangea is a multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively coarse texture can be used to stand it apart from other landscape plants with finer foliage.

This shrub will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Yuki-geshou Hydrangea is recommended for the following landscape applications;



Yuki-geshou Hydrangea flowers
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Yuki-geshou Hydrangea in bloom
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- Accent
- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Yuki-geshou Hydrangea will grow to be about 8 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 8 feet. It tends to be a little leggy, with a typical clearance of 1 foot from the ground, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 40 years or more.

This shrub performs well in both full sun and full shade. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.



Yuki-geshou Hydrangea foliage
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